

Town of Mansfield Traffic Authority  
Minutes of the Meeting -- November 23, 2010

Present: Hart, Jackman, Meitzler, Padick, Hultgren, Baruzzi (guest – Supt of Schools)

The meeting was convened at 10:32 AM.

The minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting were reviewed and no corrections made.

Pedestrian Awareness Campaign – Hultgren reported that he had again expressed the Town's interest in a joint PR/marketing campaign with UConn on pedestrian safety in and around the UConn campus. Nothing has been organized in this regard to date.

Hillside Circle parking – Members have been monitoring this area for problem parking and have not noted any continuing problem in this area. Hultgren will check to see if the signs near the speed table have been replaced.

Parking on Baxter Road north of 195 – members verified that this is a continuing problem and should be referred to the police for ticketing cars that are parked in the traveled way. Although signs should not be required for this ticketing, they were authorized in this area if requested by the RST's office.

Speed Control Request – Bone Mill Road south of Rte 44 – As per last meeting, the traffic speed and volume were below action levels. Hultgren will inform the requestors at 198 Bone Mill Road.

Elizabeth Road speeding and cut-through traffic – Hultgren reported that recent traffic data showed only 131 vehicles per day on this section of road and an average speed of 28 mph. He will notify the requesting resident.

72 Mansfield Avenue safety improvements – Hultgren reported that these were in progress. Chevrons had been replaced and remounted, striping was authorized, and the other measures discussed at the last meeting were in progress. No cost estimate for guardrails was available as yet.

Pedestrian safety along Route 32 at the Windham Town line – Hultgren has contacted WRTD regarding the possibility of changing the route or stop from the Price Right plaza to Pleasant Valley Road. He will also write the DOT for their suggestions on pedestrian safety on Rte 32 itself.

WINCOG Road Classifications – adding South Bedlam Road to the requested road reclassifications as a Rural Minor Collector was approved and has been submitted to Mark Paquette.

Hillyndale Road traffic complaints – this road section is still being observed by members. Traffic classification data will be sought for the next meeting.

Southeast School Traffic – Superintendent Baruzzi explained the problems with dropping-off students that are occurring at the Southeast School parking lot on the Northeast side of the building. Meitzler will observe the operations and potential traffic/pedestrian changes will be discussed again at the next meeting.

4-corners gateways – Hultgren explained that UConn was working with the 4-corners advisory committee to develop coordinated signage for wayfinding along Rtes 44 and 195 to the campus, which could be incorporated into gateways in the greater 4-corners area. UConn is also more interested in having

gateways at the actual edges of the campus rather than in the 4-corners area. UConn will meet with the committee again in early 2011.

Traffic on Route 32 at Vinton School – the speed of traffic on Rte 32 was an expressed concern. Hultgren will check with the DOT to see if grant funds are available to fund radar speed signs on Rte 32 in front of Vinton school and on Rte 89 in front of Southeast school.

Lighting at the crosswalk across Rte 275 at the Community Center exit drive – the DPW will check on the lighting at or near this crosswalk.

RR parking lot on Route 44 at the old Depot Restaurant site – the use of this property as a commuter lot was discussed and a letter will be sent to the DOT Public Transportation Bureau to ask them to consider this use. Hart will also check with the Town's Building Department on the safety of the old foundations on the property.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works